## MARKET IS LISTLESS NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. WALL STREET NOTES

Some Stocks Move Up a Little: Others Go Down.

### TRADING IMPROVES AT CLOSE Am. Steel Fdy. Am. S. F. pfd...

Pennsylvania Shows but Little Decline, as It Is Considered Worth Carrent Price-"Evening Up" Purchases Chief Factor in Day's Trading-Expect Good Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 28.-The stock market to-day tended to become dull, and an irregular movement of prices generally C. & H. C. & I .... prevailed in it. Dealings were only a little over 600,000 shares, against 767,000 corn Fred. Corn Pred. Corn Pred. Dr. & H. acter of the price movement may be gath- Dis. ered from the fact that at the close of the market Amalgamated Copper, Southern Pacific, Reading, Baltimore and Ohio, Fed. Min. pfd. Atchison, and Great Northern stocks Gen. Elec Atchison, and Great Northern stocks showed net advances, while declines were exhibited in the Union Pacific, United States Steel, St. Paul, Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Pennsylvania stocks.

Gen. Electric...
Gt. North. pfd. Int. Met. pfd...
Int. Met. pfd...
K. C. So. pfd...
L. & N. ... Transit, and Pennsylvania stocks.

The entire day's business was languidly M.s.P.& S.S.M.pfd. conducted, the general feeling appearing to be that, although dangers of a pinch M. K. & T. pfd... in money rates over the end of the year Nat. Biscuit..... had been nearly eliminated, and although Nat. the course of rates thus far in the week N. Y. Cent ... N. Y., C. & St. L... N. Y., O. & W..... N. & W.... had been all that could be desired, yet no one could tell exactly what price N. might be asked for financial aid before annual financial settlements were defi- Pa. R. R... nitely concluded, and that it was well to Peo. Gas ...

cent at the close. Bank renewals were at 14 per cent, which was a fair gauge of So. Pacific.. the average call-money rate during the

The market was inclined to strength at first, but showed a keen sensitiveness to the advance in call money, and farther U. S. Pipe., on in the day was no doubt affected in U. S. Steel. some degree by the news of the death of Fresident Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This event did not Wis Central. produce anything that could be called selling of stocks, since the precarious condition of Mr. Cassatt's health has long been well understood in the larger finan

Moreover, the current price of Pennper cent dividend paying shares of the railroad company in the country, and one American Can pfd. recently been brought to bear against Pennsylvania stock in particular and the security market in general.

In the later afternoon the market once more moved upward, but was very lethograph in the last half bear of trading.

lethargic in the last half hour of trading. The most active stock in the market was Reading common, although the dealings here seemed to be of no other sort than the speculative operations that have for so long a time caused such wide fluctuation in the price of the stock.

### Atchison Leads Market.

The strongest stock on the list was 38, coupon, 1908. Atchison common, which made a net advance of one-half point. The rise appeared to be based upon the argument that as the registered to be common, second to be based upon the argument that as the registered to be common, second to be based upon the argument that as the registered to be common, which made a net advance of the register a stock that is almost certain to go upon 4s. a 6 per cent dividend basis next spring Panama Canal 2s, registered.......

District of Columbia 3.6is...... the present market valuation of Atchison Philippine 4s. is too greatly depressed. A notable feature of the day's business was the heaviness in the curb market of the subscriptions "rights," the new issue of Great Northern preferred and Northern Pacific

The day's dealings really represented no A., T. & S. F. convertible is... Baltimore and Ohio is....... more than the "evening up" purchases and sales of professional speculators, and Chesap were not such as to afford any definite idea of a strongly ruling tendency in the market. There was, however, a firm undertone to the trading and further evi- Erie general 4s. dences of a cessation of that liquidation which has recently been such a feature of Lackawanna Steel 5s. stock exchange transactions.

The market also reflected the undoubted retirement yesterday of a considerable Mexican Central 4s....

portion of the short interest in current New York Central 3½s... eculative operations that has recently been created. There were, it may be said, Northern Pacific 3s. renewed stories to-day of large specula-tive accounts in some of the high priced Reading stocks that were taken over at private sale by banking interests below the ruling Southern Pacific col. 4s... market price, so that less and less anxiety | Southern Pacific rfg. 4s... was experienced as to any recurrence of Southern R a forced selling of these stocks.

The estimates of to-morrow's bank returns agreed in calculating a cash balance of the banks of a little less than \$3,000,000, while general anticipation was that there would be no such cause for disappointment as was given last Saturday in the report by the such cause for day in disappointment as was given last Satur-day in the report by the clearing-house institutions of only a triffing reduction \$1,562,000 a week ago, and \$3,005,000 a year ago. institutions of only a trifling reduction in loans. It was believed that under the average system of compiling this report the full marking down of loans that occurred last week was not shown and that such curtailment would display itself in to-morrow's exhibit.

The Bank of England to-day increased The Bank of English to-day increases

Its gold holdings in the very gratifying 8 per cent for thirty and sixty days; 7 to 7½ per sum of \$3,725,000, but set aside \$2,500,000 of the amount as a reserve against Indian currency bills.

Mercantile paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold, except in very modern and the paper was not sold.

A matter of some interest was the receipt of cable dispatches here from Berlin and Frankfort by the correspondents of German banking houses, giving information in the closing days of the year, but at present the scarcity of money accountates the situation. Rates, 33 per cent. Thus in the past five years the road increased its business to an extension of the road increased its business to an ex-

directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee Boston and Albany..... St. Paul Railroad Company in refus-Boston and Maine..... and St. Paul Railroad Company in refusing to allow subscriptions to fractional Boston Elevated ..... shares of stock under their new financial Fitchburg pfd.

### DOMINICAN DEBT DIMINISHES.

National City Bank of New York Holds Over \$2,000,000 for Creditors. The total sum of money now held by the Dominion Iron and Steel. 000. This represents 55 per cent of the cus- United Shoe Machinery pfd... toms collections made by Col. Colton since the United States undertook the supervision of Dominican fiscal affairs, Copper Range...... April 1, 1905. By the time some arrange- Shannon ment is made for the cash settlement Utah with foreign and international creditors, Calumet ... the available cash will reach at least \$3,000,000, and perhaps considerably more. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the New York bankers, are prepared to underwrite a Dominers, are prepared to underwrite a Domin-ican refunding issue of approximately will be received at F. P. Weller's Phar-macy, 3534 M st. nw.. and promptly for-warded to the main office.

# Quotations furnished by Charles G. Gates & Co. members New York Stock Exchange, Munsey Building

Am. Loco.....

Am. Smelt..... Am. Sugar.... Am. Tob. pfd..

U. S. Steel pfd..

2s, coupon, 1930...... 3s, registered, 1908...

American Tobacco 6s.

Sales to noon yesterday, 343,909 shares. Total sales yesterday, 613,200 shares.

CURB MARKET.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

New York, Dec. 28.-Closing quotations on stock

Central Pacific 3½s. Chesapeake and Ohio, 1st 6s. series A.

Lake Shore 3½s..... Louisville and Nashville unified 4s...

Southern Railway 4s, Old St. Louis div.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28,-Money on call at the stock ex

American Sugar ..

\*Ex-div. †Ex-rights.

American Sugar pfd.

American Telephone and Telegraph...

American Woolen.

American Woolen pfd.

Herald Want Ads

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PRAISE FOR CASSATT'S WORK

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70% said a member of one of the most prom-23% the bankers of this city that if they stock market, endeavored to draw gold it would at New York, Dec. 28.-Closing quotations of United higher. I am afraid that is too much of ment, but it is the nearest approach t 105% one there is. But by whatever name i may be called I have no doubt it will be 105% kept. In my school days I knew a case 105% 101% where a small though very smart boy tween 101% 102% won a whole lot of marbles from a bigger Mrs. one, but when the winner asked for them the loser said: 'Unless you agree to say no more about them I'll punch your head.' That agreement was reached, and, what is more, it was faithfully kept.

applying it or bearing the responsibility before the country. There is no more money here now when the call rate is 6 per cent than there was when the rate

before the country. There is no more logs, and the power here now when the call rate is 6 per cent than there was when the rate 1995, as 29 per cent. Liquidation has been of 57%, some use, but the relief was given by 1905, as and the bankers a lesson on the responsibilities of banking."

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 28—SUGAR—London cables quiet. Market for sugar beets at 8s 1184, for both 1905, as and the bankers a lesson on the responsibilities of banking."

In the forenoon it was reported very substitutely that at the Pennsylvania and suparsulty lower, to sell, with duty-paid market properly by 1905, as and substances supar, 27 may 29 may that it is not a stock operator, but what in the railroad world is called an operating man that is wanted. Wall street is beginning to think that in E. A. Harriman it has all of the stock operator railroad president that it wants. change to-day opened at 9 per cent; highest, 18; low-est, 3; closing, 3. Most of the loans were at 12 per

matter is that the growth of business has ceip been brought about without any important increase in mileage. The length of main track has been added to only to the insignificant extent of about 200 miles. so that Pennsylvania, instead of going outside of its territory for business, has Mar sought it by cultivating the possibilities May of the section already reached by its line July The company under Mr. Cassatt has spent East and the results will be even more

### July COLOMBIA GOLD PLACER !

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### road years hence than they are now. Here surely is a case where the good that the man has done will live after him, to be road, but by the whole community.

Denied Greater Stringency

Remarkable Growth in Business of Successor-Simon Guggenheim Declares He Will Quit the Smelters.

New York, Dec. 28 .- An unfounded rumor that a Western house was in trouble lit by having a friend at Washington. on account of the slump in the Hill stocks received wide circulation in the forenoon. but without any effect on the general market. What really happened was that stocks was taken over by strong interests. It was not a Western account, and the position of it was so well known that few people were surprised when it leaked out that a private sale of the stocks had been arranged. With this out of the way, the whole situation appears to be entirely cleared up.

and renewals to carry over until Monday were made at 15 per cent. The bulls expressed satisfaction with the action of the market under the adverse money condithe year. When the bulk of the demand 800 50% 53% 53% 53% 55% 55% . 3,300 98% 98% 98 98% 98% cased off until it touched 6 per cent, .190,500 135% 137% 137% 135% 135% 135% it remained to the end of the day. for call money was satisfied the rate eased off until it touched 6 per cent, where "I have heard a great deal about the

pared with December last year," said the extra. senior partner in a large commission own observation. The experience of this 92% house is that there has been a better supply the next few days, which probably re-of 1965. What has happened is that lend-is have made fuller use, through agree-street doubts if there will be disclosures tract high rates from borrowers than in the stock, but if the investigation should

> once put up its rate to 7 per cent, or even a one-sided affair to be called an agree

necessity of developing the remedy and transaction could be made known.

Time money unchanged. It was in active demand, and houses in good credit were able to obtain a por-tion of their accommodation on time. Rates, 7½ to In 1900 at the beginning of Pennsylmore than 50 per cent in five years. For

freely to promote the prosperity of clearly reflected in the earnings of the

# STOCK

Simon Guggenheim says that if chosen United States Senator by the State of ness. Colorado he will sever his connection with the American Smelting and Refining Company. But even if he should self every sold \$5,000 between 85 and 85%. Capital share he owns in the company he would Traction came in for more than the usual still be connected with it, or with its sales, 120 shares changing hands, all at board of directors, by at least five strong 144. ties. These would be: Daniel Guggenheim, president; Solomon R. Guggenheim, Pennsylvania Held to Be Due to Isaac Guggenheim, Morris Guggenheim, try between the brokers about a rival His Executive Force-Gossip as to and M. Robert Guggenheim, all of whom line when Washington and Norfolk Steam-

> It is said that Anaconda is now earning at the rate of 70 per cent a year on its stock. If this is correct, then the dividend rate of 23 per cent, or only two-fifths of the rate earned, is very modest, indeed. Anaconda has not only profited from the high prices for copper and silver, but from a much lower operating very but from a much lower operating to the profits hased on the pro-first so that the profits hased on the pro-first so that the profits hased on the pro-first so that the profits hased on the pro-first same interest prevailed that has marked this stock for the past few days. The trading was largely by options, that form for transaction being most popular at present. More than 1,000 shares were taken on sixty-day options at 5½ to 5%.
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andsome revenues for Anaconda have yielded similar results for Boston and Montana, except that the latter, not being large producer of silver, has profited but little by the advance in this metaland the presumption is that the divitions, and the hope was expressed in dend rate, which is now's per cent quarmany quarters that extreme stringency terly, with 40 per cent extra, or 192 per If this is done there can be little double about an increased disbursement for Amalgamaied stock, the present expectation being that the directors will place this issue on a 10 per cent basis in January by declaring a regular dividend for the stringency of money this month as com- quarter of 2 per cent, with 1/2 of 1 per cent

London had a rumor of some unfavor-

that as a last resource we were forced to Financial News Bureau, "that members of James J. Hill's family, who a few weeks sylvania stock is currently regarded as standing at a very low point for the 7 term count dividend paying shares of the common and Great standing at a very low point for the 7 term count dividend paying shares of the common and Great low countries are furnished by E. R. Chapman & Co., members New York Stock Exchange. G. Bowie chipman, manager, 1301 F street northwest. F street northwest.

Open. High. Low. Close.

Sty. 54 54% year to make an appeal or demand of the same kind necessary."

Northern preferred. One of the immediate relations has since faced a 'shrinkage' agreement to protect the money market," while an intimate friend faced the music said a member of one of the most prom-67/2 inent international banking houses in were not only 'next to' the president of

that it had enjoyed an active week. He "The international agreement in money said they had sold fourteen houses duris very similar. What has happened in ing the week, but that in the case of our money market is that Secretary most of them deposits had been made Shaw has given the banks to understand and the deals would not be completed that as the prevailing conditions were for several days. The three named largely their creation, in them rested the were all in which the details of the

### NEW YORK PRODUCE.

3, 90a95.
STRAW—Steady; trade slow. Long rye, 60a65.
BEEEF—Demand moderate. Family, 13.50a14.50; packet, 19.75a11,93.
PORK—Trade light. Mess, 17.50a18.50; family, National City... TALLOW-Small business. City quoted at 6%, in Commercia

vania's capital expansion the Toad earned \$\$8,000,000 gross. In 1905 the gross earnings were \$133,000,000, an increase of slightly more than 50 per cent in five years. For

### COTTON MARKET.

German banking houses, giving information as to the exceedingly high prices charged in Germany for carrying stocks over the current settlement. Another development to-day was a further fall in sterling exchange, which once more attracted attention to the extraordinary causes, whatever they may be, that prevent a movement of gold from London to this city in response to natural conditions.

BOSTON STOCKS.

TRUST COMPANY STOCK Amer. Security and Trust.

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New York Dec. 22.—The cotton market showed a find munder the average rate of increase for the preceding decade.

It may be too much to assume that on account of the expenditure of new capital.

There was again to-day, and to greater extent than has yet been observed, expressions of resentment and disgust in the financial district over the action of the directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee the distribution in market showed a find munder the average rate of increase for the preceding decade.

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New York Dec. 23.—The cotton market showed a find munder the average rate of increase for the preceding decade.

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The road has attained in five years a growth which it would otherw

lly steady and unchanged to 1/2 higher. Port re- pts estimated at 58,000; last year, 48,725; experts, 00.  New York.					Metropolitan National Union. People's Potomac
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Receipts.	Shipmts.	Stock.	Mids.	Sales.	

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(Prices quoted are wholesale.) 444,722 10¼ .... 403,892 10⅓ 3,000 

### LOCAL FINA ICIAL GOSSIF.

Traction shares and bonds, with Mitchel shared not only by stockholders of the Mining, made up nearly all the trading on the Washington Stock Exchange yesterday. Moreover, it was a good day, with much noise and a large volume of busi-

Washington Railway and Electric 4s

There was some good-natured pleasanare directors of the concern. It would boat was reached, and an effort was made be a nice question of ethics whether the apparently to hammer the stock down on Senator owned the smelting company or the strength of it, but the broker whose the smelting company owned the Senator; special charge it is to look after that but whatever might be the exact rela-

tions, the smelting company would bene-When Mitchell Mining was reached the same interest prevailed that has marked stock. If this is correct, then the divi-dend rate of 38 ner cent or only two-ent. More than 1,000 shares were taken on

> tuations in many cases traversing the 4,00 to 4.50. same ground several times. The market always presented a firm undertone and an absence of liquidation. The closing was quiet, with several issues showing gains. The reported movements of currency this week indicate a gain in cash by the banks of \$2,809,400. For the moment we expect to see a steady market with some gradual.
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> WOOL AND HIPES, Week ready for the moment we expect to see a steady market with some gradual. see a steady market with some gradual

holiday duliness prevails, and likely will do so until Wednesday of next week. As expected, there was a big demand for call money, with sparse offerings. Open ing loans were made at 9, 10, and 12 per Winter extra, 2.89a3.00; winter clear, 3.15a3.25; wincent, and later some as high as 18 per cent. With call money at such a premium, no runaway bull market need be expected. Prices, however, are well maintained, and 5.00; City Mills' high-grade patent, 4.35; City able news to come on Union Pacific within I believe will work higher in the early weeks of the new year.'

Benjamin Woodruff, of Post & Flagg-'With a moderate volume of buying ord-

year to make an appeal or demand of the same kind necessary."

"All this talk of an international agreement to protect the money market," said a member of one of the most prominent international lanking houses in New York, "is the sheerest kind of nonsense. The only possible foundation for it is that the Bank of England notified the bankers of this city that if they endeavored to draw gold it would at several agreement to make an appeal or demand of the year to make an appeal or demand of the immediate common and Great Northern Pacific common and Great Northern Pacific common and Great Northern preferred. One of the immediate finally reacted under the influence of higher call-money rates. Reading was a marked exception to the general rule, and sold better than 137, above which figure there seemed to be considerable hesitation and finally reacted under the influence of higher call-money rates. Reading was a marked exception to the general rule, and sold better than 137, above which figure there seemed to be considerable hesitation and finally reacted under the influence of higher call-money rates. Reading was a marked exception to the general rule, and sold better than 137, above which figure there seemed to be considerable hesitation and finally reacted under the influence of higher call-money rates. Reading was a marked exception to the general rule, and sold better than 137, above which figure there seemed to be considerable hesitation and finally reacted under the influence of higher call-money rates. Reading was a marked exception to the general rule, and sold better than 137, above which figure there seemed to be considerable hesitation and finally reacted under the influence of higher call-money rates. Reading was a marked exception to the general rule, and sold better than 137, above which figure there seemed to be considerable hesitation and finally reacted under the influence of constant seems from elevators, 240,605 bushels. No. 2, 92,828; do., No. 4, 37,828; do., No. 4, 37,828; do., No. 4, 37,828; do

Mergenthaler, II at \*197%.

Lanston, 20 at 13½.

Greene Copper, 15 at 22½, 100 at 32½.

Mitchell Mining, 50 at 5½ (buyer 60), 100 at

. 109% MINING STOCKS.

HAY—Steady. Inquiry is fair. Receipts, 1,720 Greene Copper...
tons. Prime, 1.15; No. 1, 1.10; No. 2, 1.00a1.05; No. Mitchell Mining Compeny. NATIONAL BANK STOCKS Washington TRUST COMPANY STOCKS FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS. 231/2

INSURANCE STOCKS. \*3% ELLANEOUS STOCKS. 42% †Ex rights,

### PRODUCE MARKET.

BUTTER-Market strong and unchanged. 300 Creamery, fancy, 321/2 to 33 per pound; Western

Near-by, fresh Virginia, 25; West Virginia and Southwest Virginia, 25; Tennessee, 25; North Carolina, 23 to 24; storage, 21 to 23.

LIVE POULTRY-Arrivais light and market firm. Chickens, large, per pound, 13 to 14; do., medium, 14 to 15; do., small, 15; hens, 12 to 1294; roosters, 1; ducks, large, 13 to 14; small, 11 to 12; geese, 19 to 12; turkeys, tems, 15 to 16; hens, choice, 15 to 16; keats, 16 to 12.

DRESSED POULTRY-Receipts moderate and

Reats, 10 to 12.

DRESSED POULTRY-Receipts moderate and market strong. Turkeys, undrawn, average. If; choice hens, 16; do., thin, 10; old toms, 16 to 17; chickens, spring, large, 14 to 15; do., medium, 14 to 15; do., small, 15 to 16; hens, choice, 12 to 13; rocsters, 8; geese, 10 to 12; ducks, 15 to 16; capons, large, 18 to 19; small, 15 to 16.

DRESSED MEATS-Calves, full dressed, 8.00 to 10.00; heads off, 9.00 to 16.00; heg-dressed calves, 8.00; hams, country, sugar cured, 12½ to 14; hogs, small and neat, per cwt., 8.00; do., medium, 7.50; do., heavy, 6.50 to 7.00.

GAME-Good stock at top prices. Rabbits, per dozen, 1.50 to 2.00; kits, per dozen, 75 to 1.00; quail, per dozen, 2.00 to 2.50; squirrels, each, 5 to 8; opposums, each, 25 to 50.

VEGETABLES-Irish potatoes, market firm. Yams and sweets dull. Potatoes, home grown, 1.50 to 1.75 per bbl.; potatoes, per bushel, 40 to 50; Virginia and Maryland, per bbl., 1.50 to 1.75; sweet potatoes, per bbl., 1.50 to 2.00; do., yams, 75 to 1.00; celery, New York, per burch, 30 to 59; onions, Ohio, per bbl., 1.75 to 2.00; Maryland and Virginia, 1.75 to 2.00; Maryland and Virginia, 1.75 to 2.00; per basket, 2.00 to 2.50.

FRUITS-Apalese market, strong, York Im-

4,69 to 4.50.

HAY AND STRAW-Timothy, choice, new, 18.50 to 19.00; No. 1, new, 18.00; No. 2, new, 17.00; mixed hay, 13.00 to 16.06; clover, 12.00 to 15.00; straw, rye. Oats, Western white, No. 2, 38 to 39; mixed, 36 to 37 WOOL AND HIDES—Wool, washed, free of burs

improvement."

See a steady market with some gradual improvement."

Wood AND HIDES—wood, washed, free ob burs, per lb, 35 to 37; Wool, burry, per lb, 25 to 25; hides, green, ach, burry, per lb, 25 to 25; hides, green, ach, per lb, 12 to 25; sheep skins, green, ach, 100 to 1.30,

### PRODUCE IN BALTIMORE.

Reltimore Dec 28.-FLOUR-Market was quiet ter straight, 3.30a3.45; winter patent, 3.70a3.85; spring clear, 3.25a3.60; spring straight, 3.65a3.90; spring patent, 4.20a4.60; City Mills' best patent, high-grade straight, 4.10; choice family, 2.75; City Mills' extra, 3.30a3.59. Rye flour, medium to choice, 3.69a4.09. Corn meal, per 109 pounds, 1.35a1.59. Buckwheat, per 100 pounds, 2.20a2.40. Rio extra,

Interstate Commerce Commission. Wall street doubts if there will be disclosures of a kind to warrant much of a decline in the stock, but if the investigation should be prolonged it might interfere with bullish operations in the Harriman issues, even after money conditions eased up, more through fear of what might still happen than of what had actually occurred.

"It is an open secret," says Joseph's Financial News Bureau, "that members of James J. Hill's family, who a few weeks ago attended the wedding of Miss Hill, made up a pool and bought liberally both of Northern Pacific common and Great Northern Preferred. One of the immediate of a kind to warrant much of a decline in the amoderate volume of buying orders buying orders that a moderate volume of buying orders with the market of buying orders that the opening the market was held steady to the noon hour, and then developed what appeared to be especially good buying in Atchison common, which gave a fairly strong market during the final hour. Monetary conditions, however, are still somewhat unsettled, and on this account one may expect a more or less spotty market for Southern wheat to-day was steady, as compared with yesterday's close. Receipts moderate and demand good for prime wheats. Sales of a cargo on grade at 74-for special bin No. 2 red, 73½ for stock No. 2 red, 70½ for stock Steamer No. 2 red, 66 for special bin rejected, 65 for stock steamer No. 2 red, 66 for special bin rejected, 65 for stock steamer No. 2 red, 70½ for stock No. 2 red WHEAT-Stock in elevators, 703,876 bushels. The

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